

Union Labor Notes

A Strike among the 8,000 organized rag pickers of New York against a wage reduction of 20% is being used by the employers as a means of bringing in Negro strike breakers. However, the Negroes are more class-conscious than was anticipated and not only refuse to scab but many have joined the ranks of the strikers as union men.

The Summer Preventative of Strikes, Baseball, is now laid on the shelf for the season. Not only because of the advance of winter, the Boss no longer has use for it—the shops are closed. The Bosses have gone on strike against the workers. A good many thousands of youthful slaves may now contemplate the profits (to themselves) of the season's rage. Incidentally, New England employers have decided to expend the sum of \$1,000,000 next season in organizing baseball teams among their employees. Such good insurance against strikes must not be overlooked in the yearly budget.

The National Association of Sash, Door and Millwork Manufacturers have just met in Chicago. One thing upon which the members assembled, there were able to agree upon is that, as stated by one of them, "In a little while he (the worker) will be ready to eat out of his employer's hand." Just think it over, you workers who believe the interests of the worker and boss are the same.

"More service" is the cry the Great Lakes Ship Operators are sending out to the representatives of capital in the coming Congress. While this cry is aimed at labor which mans the ships, it is also an order to the hired politicians to change the Seamen's law so that wages and hours may be more suitable to the owners who are going to make a fight to introduce cheaper labor of the more submissive sort.

New York labor unions are organizing for agitation for the lifting of the blockade against Soviet Russia. A resolution by the Pants Makers Local 85, follows:

Whereas the blockade against Soviet Russia not only causes immense suffering to the Russian

people, but is also causing much unemployment in America by preventing the placing of huge orders for clothing, shoes and other manufactured goods in this country on the part of Russian representatives; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby appeal to all the workers of the United States to carry on an intense agitation to the end of inducing the government to lift the blockade against Soviet Russia.

Subsidizing The Press

Particularly during election campaigns, we hear scandalous stories of how politicians and political parties buy up the press. During strikes, we are told stories and facts are shown proving that capitalists bribe and buy up the press to hurt the strikers. And we know how capitalists control the press, generally by direct management, mortgages, loans, and various other ways, all of which are known as "subsidizing" the press.

To be sure it is regarded as perfectly legitimate. Whoever has money can buy the goods—there are newspapers for sale on the market, and capitalists and bankers have plenty of loose change.

But, occasionally, workers take it into their heads to "subsidize" the press. This means that they decide to give their pennies—hard earned and hard stored—to THEIR press.

But who ever heard of prisoners of war helping out the press of the country that held them prisoners?

Well, it happened in Italy. Russian prisoners of war, on being freed there, divided their money among three papers. Of course, they are not the papers that bankers read because they like them, but because they MUST in order to learn what the workers are thinking and doing. They were three militant labor papers that the workers read to learn the truth about the system and government they live under. They are papers that tell the workers to rely on their own strength alone in solving their problems.

They are three papers that have helped Italian workers to bring about the overturn that recently startled the world.

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